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Setting up of Bio-Technology Institute
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has laid foundation stone of Agriculture Bio-Technology Institute in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the allocation made and total budget already allotted for the project; and

(c) the target fixed for making the institute operational along with the present status of the Institute?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Foundation stone of ICAR - Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology (IIAB) was laid on August 25, 2014. The total budget allocated for setting of the institute is Rs. 287.50 crores during XII Plan. The allocation of the budget for 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 was Rs. 189.75, Rs. 243.00 and Rs. 294.33 lakhs, respectively. The expenditure during the corresponding period was Rs. 189.75, Rs. 235.33 and Rs. 293.54 lakhs. The budget estimate for the current year (2015-16) is Rs. 1970.00 lakhs and expenditure upto June, 2015 is Rs. 20.97 lakhs.

The institute has already started functioning with Officer-on-Special Duty and eleven scientists. Research Advisory Committee has also been constituted. Scientists started working on different research projects.

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